

# Home Visiting Program

## Iowa

**Iowa Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program** is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Iowa:

- Made 15,491 home visits to 2,170 parents and children in 1,080 families
- Enrolled 1,174 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 17 counties across the state, or 17% of Iowa counties

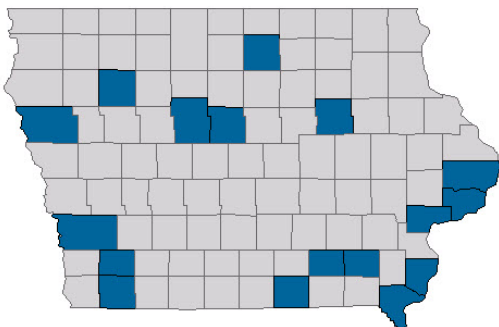
The Home Visiting Program in Iowa:

- Has established a state-wide coordinated intake system with Iowa Department of Education
- Has created a virtual home visitor system
- Has implemented family support core competency training, online learning modules, and competency assessment

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Iowa uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Iowa leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Early Head Start](#)

**Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)\*:**



\*Appanoose, Black Hawk, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Clinton, Des Moines, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lee, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Pottawattamie, Scott, Wapello, Webster, Woodbury

More about Iowa:

[Iowa Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Iowa Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Iowa](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.